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## AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## Listing of Claims:

- (canceled) A process for making and applying a coating composition using a plural component apparatus comprising;
  choosing at least two non-like components for the coating composition from components in the plural component apparatus;
  the plural component apparatus having;
  - A. at least one binder component,
  - B. at least one hardener component, and
  - C. at least one component being a binder or a hardener, such component having a different reactivity from its like component A or B; selecting a mixing ratio for the at least two non-like components of the coating composition; and mixing the components of the coating composition and applying the coating composition with the plural component apparatus; whereby a plurality of coating compositions with varying properties can be made and applied from the components in the plural component apparatus.
- 2. (currently amended): The process of claim 49 further comprising drying the coating composition between 60 degrees F and 160 degrees F.
- (currently amended): The process of claim 49 wherein component A is a binder and component B is a hardener with slow reactivity and component C is a hardener with fast reactivity.
- 4. (original): The process of claim 3 wherein component A is a hydroxyl functional binder and components B and C are isocyanate functional hardeners.

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- 5. (currently amended): The process of claim 4 wherein the mixing ratio is selected such that the volume percentage of component <u>A the shared-component</u> is in between about 5% and 95%.
- 6. (currently amended): The process of claim 5 wherein the mixing ratio is selected such that the volume percentage of the shared component A is in between about 10% and 90%.
- 7. (currently amended): The process of claim 1 wherein said substrate is a vehicle surface panel with said coating composition comprising a primer to be applied as an external coating to said panel, with there being a first component (A) comprising a binder (the shared component), and there being at least one of a second component (B) and third component (C), component B comprising a sanding hardener and component C comprising a wet-in-wet hardener, wherein the volumetric ratio of component A to component B+ component C ranging from 100:80 to 100:60.
- 8. (currently amended): The process of claim 4\_9 further comprising a <u>hardener</u> component D such that <u>wherein</u> component C is a binder having a different reactivity from its like <u>binder</u> component A or B and component D is a hardener having a different reactivity from its like <u>hardener</u> component A or B.
- 9. A process for formulating and applying various coating compositions comprising formulating a coating composition employing a plural component apparatus, said apparatus having fixed components wherein the components comprise:
  - A. at least one binder component A;
  - B. at least one hardener component B; and
  - C. at least one component C selected from:
    - i. a binder having a different reactivity than component A; or
  - ii. a hardener having a different reactivity than component B wherein the step of formulating comprises setting the apparatus according to a selected predetermined mixing ratio of the fixed components A, B and C;

spraying a substrate with the coating composition; and

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components A. B and C remaining fixed in the apparatus, whereby the apparatus is ready to be set for a subsequent mixing ratio of the fixed components, this permitting various coating compositions to be formulated and applied to different substrates without changing the components.

10.(new) A method of formulating coating compositions within a plural component apparatus and applying said coating compositions comprising the steps of:

i) filling said piural component apparatus with individual fixed components, said components being

- A) at least one binder component A:
- B) at least one hardener component B; and
- C) at least one component C selected from:
  - a binder having a different reactivity than component A; or a hardener having different reactivity than component B
- ii) setting said plural component apparatus to a predetermined mixing ratio of the fixed components A, B and C to form the first of said coating compositions;
- iii) spraying a substrate with said fixed components in said first predetermined mixing ratio; and
- Iv) setting said plural component apparatus to a different predetermined mixing ratio of the fixed components A, B and C in order to form another of said coating compositions with said fixed components A, B, and C remaining fixed in the apparatus;

such that by repeating steps ii), iii) and iv) various coating compositions may be formulated and applied to different substrates with said components A, B, and C remaining fixed in the apparatus.